

REMARKS

In the foregoing claim amendments, claim 3 is amended. Now pending in the application are claims 1-7, of which claim 1 is independent. The following remarks address all stated grounds for rejection and place the presently pending claims in condition for allowance.

Objection to Drawings

The drawings are objected to because of minor informalities. In the foregoing amendments to the drawings, Applicants amend Fig. 3A and 3B to label as “Prior Art,” as suggested by the Examiner. In light of the foregoing amendments to the drawings, Applicants request the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the objection to the drawings.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §112

Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The Examiner notes in the Office Action that it is unclear how refrigerant inlet and outlet ports can connect to the cabin via a single through hole. In the foregoing claim amendments, Applicants amend claim 3 to recite that *one of* the refrigerant inlet and outlet ports connects to the cabin via the trough hole. In light of the foregoing claim amendments, Applicants request the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and pass the claim to allowance.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 1 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/00341186 (“Morita”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,220,383. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection for the following reasons.

Applicants submit a verified English translation of corresponding Japanese application to which the pending application claims a priority to rely upon the earlier filing date of the corresponding Japanese application. The corresponding Japanese application was filed in Japan before the U.S. filing date of the Morita reference. Applicants therefore submit that the Morita reference is not qualified as a prior art reference to reject the pending application. In light of the

foregoing arguments, Applicants request the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 1 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), and pass the claims to allowance.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §103

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/00341186 (“Morita”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,220,383, and further in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0027026. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection for the following reasons.

Applicants submit a verified English translation of corresponding Japanese application to which the pending application claims a priority to rely upon the earlier filing date of the corresponding Japanese application. The corresponding Japanese application was filed in Japan before the U.S. filing date of the Morita reference. Applicants therefore submit that the Morita reference is not qualified as a prior art reference to reject the pending application. In light of the foregoing arguments, Applicants request the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), and pass the claim to allowance.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 4 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/00341186 (“Morita”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,220,383, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,490,572. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection for the following reasons.

Applicants submit a verified English translation of corresponding Japanese application to which the pending application claims a priority to rely upon the earlier filing date of the corresponding Japanese application. The corresponding Japanese application was filed in Japan before the U.S. filing date of the Morita reference. Applicants therefore submit that the Morita reference is not qualified as a prior art reference to reject the pending application. In light of the foregoing arguments, Applicants request the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 4 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), and pass the claims to allowance.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 6 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/00341186 ("Morita") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,220,383, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,332,630. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection for the following reasons.

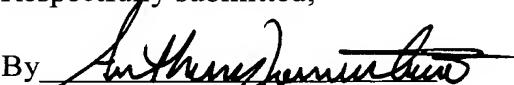
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Conclusion

In view of the foregoing claim amendments and arguments, Applicants submit that the pending application is in condition for allowance. Applicants believe no fee is due with this statement. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 12-0080, under Order No. NGW-006 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figures 3A and 3B. This sheet, which includes Figs. 3A and 3B, replaces the original sheet including Figs. 3A and 3B. Figs. 3A and 3B are labeled as prior art.

Attachment: Replacement sheet